



THE RICE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
408 Division Street, Northfield, MN 55057

2014 Spring Issue

The Rice County Genealogical Society meets at 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday on even months at the Rice County Historical Society Museum, 1814 NW 2nd Avenue, Faribault, and on odd months in the Marston Headley Research Room in the lower level of the Northfield Historical Society Building, 408 Division Street, Northfield. Meetings are suspended during June, July and August. Special meetings may be called for research trips or for working on projects.

MEETING DATES:

Jan. 21, 2014
Feb. 18, 2014
Mar. 18, 2014

Apr. 15, 2014
May 20, 2014
Sept. 16, 2014
Oct. 21, 2014
Nov. 18, 2014
Dec. 16, 2014

Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting.
Faribault: 2:00 regular meeting. Newsletter items due
Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting. Approve the Spring
2014 Newsletter and set date for printing and mailing.
Faribault: 2:00 regular meeting.
Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting.
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Faribault: 2:00 regular meeting.
Northfield: 2:00 regular meeting. Election of officers.
Faribault: 11:30 Annual Christmas get-together at The
Depot. 2:00 short meeting at the Rice Co. Historical
Society Museum. Final date for 2014 dues to be paid.

Special meetings may be called.

OFFICERS:

President.....Audrey DeMann
Vice President.....Arlene Williams
Secretary.....Mary Zabel
Treasurer.....Charles E. DeMann
Newsletter Editor/Publisher Dorothy Herkenratt

Dues are for the calendar year and are \$10
for an individual and \$12 for a family.

The newsletter is included with membership

Members currently are actively working on their family lines and in searching out the history of those who came to live in or who passed through Rice County. When we have queries from others not in our family lines who seek help on their research projects, we refer them to Ariel Butler who is willing to do research for a fee. To secure more information on services she offers and her fee schedule, please contact her directly at:
Ariel Butler, 1508 Pheasantwood Trail., Northfield, MN 55057 Ph.: 507-301-2767 e.mail: ariel.emery.butler@gmail.com
Please call ahead to schedule research in the Marston Headley Research Room.

Final Update on the Bridgewater Township Records Preservation Project
by Audrey DeMann, President, Rice Co. Genealogical Society

We of the Rice County Genealogical Society were able to look back on our accomplishment with this project with a sense of pride and relief. Several of the Society's members, along with volunteers who responded to a newspaper ad, worked together under the leadership of Bridgewater town clerk Janalee Cooper and township supervisor Bruce Morlan. Everyone who helped in any way with this project was and is totally and constantly praised and thanked by Janalee, but without Genealogical Society member Harriet Berg, we would not have made it. She located much of the directive we followed and she did a ton of typing. Once the physical work had been completed, there followed much discussion, consulting, and just being kept up to date on all that was being handled by Janalee and Bruce with getting all the material where it belonged. The earliest six books, totally transcribed, are now available to the general public by way of the Northfield History Collaborative. All forty-five of the township's original record books are now residing in Faribault, MN at the Rice County Historical Society Museum's Rare Book Room under the watchful eye of Sue Garwood, Executive Director.

The process by which we managed this first-time project (learned as we went) can be viewed at the Rice County Historical Society Museum and followed by other Rice County townships as we hope they may want to preserve and share their records in the best way possible.

Well Done, Bridgewater!

As president of the Rice County Genealogical Society, I want to thank all of our members who gave so much of their time to this project. You know who you are. Also thanks to those who were unable to do this work but had to hear about it at every genealogical society meeting. Thanks for your patience, and a special thanks to our faithful secretary Dorothy Herkenratt who made a valiant effort to keep updated on our project activities in order to share through minutes and newsletters.

Audrey DeMann, President

Notes from Janalee Cooper, Bridgewater Town Clerk

Shortly after the Bridgewater Township records were put on the Northfield History Collaborative web site and information regarding the project was put out in the Faribault Daily News and the Northfield News, broadcast over KYMN Radio and by e.mail announcements, we had several inquiries and comments come in on the Bridgewater Township website. In fact, in the first 24 hours after the article hit the front page of the Faribault Daily News, Ariel Butler of the Northfield History Collaborative reported there were 30+ hits on the "portal page" (the page that has the "About, Collections, Contact" information in the Bridgewater Collection) and she reported that her blog post at the bottom of the Northfield History Collaborative website page of all the Collaborative partners had received over 130 hits in the first few days. We also had a person who had seen the e.mail on the Minnesota Genealogical Society website contact us about some Rice County cemetery information. While the Rice County Genealogical Society had done a cemetery inventory in 2003 which appeared in their newsletter, it had never been updated, so I referred them to the Northfield History Collaborative site to search for information in the birth and death records which was available at the end of October.

The Bridgewater Town Board will be establishing policy on how to handle inquiries from people and how new information should be added at the Collaborative website. We will also be sharing information about the Bridgewater Township Records Project with the Minnesota Association of Townships.

A heartfelt thank you letter to the editor was placed in the local newspapers by Glen Castor, Chair of the Bridgewater Township Board of Supervisors, thanking all of the volunteers who worked on the project.

Some background on the Bridgewater Township Records Project
by Dorothy Herkenratt, Secretary-Treasurer, Rice Co. Genealogical Society

A bit of background about the Bridgewater Township Records Project. One of RCGS projects was to photograph township records for Forest Township so the originals could be preserved and copies used by the township and the public with additional copies to be placed in the archives at the Rice County Historical Society Museum and in the RCGS library in the Marston Headley Research Room in the Northfield Historical Society Museum. The original photos of the books were placed for safekeeping with the Northfield Historical Society. Harriet Berg, a member of RCGS, made an index of the records as well. Because the board of Forest Township was amazed to see what their records contained and so pleased with having a copy to use to preserve the originals, RCGS was thinking of other similar projects, and then worked with Northfield, Cannon City and Bridgewater Townships with cataloging and indexing their records so those township boards and RCGS would know what records they actually have.

Then in one of our meetings, Cheri Albers broached the group with something she had been thinking about for some time. Her mother, Geraldine Reuvers, the long-time clerk of Bridgewater Township, had realized that some of the ink in the older records of the township was fading, so she had started a project of copying the worst of the records to preserve the information. When Cheri realized what her mother had been doing, she brought up the idea that maybe taking over what her mother had started would be a good project for RCGS to undertake. After discussing the idea for a couple of meetings, it was decided this would be a good next project, little knowing what it would entail. Cheri had discussed the possibility of our taking on the project with Janalee Cooper, the now-clerk of Bridgewater. As the group had already done an inventory which had been indexed by Harriet Berg, we agreed to meet with Janalee who would oversee the project at the Bridgewater Town Hall on May 11, 2011. It was agreed that the oldest six volumes of records would be photocopied for RCGS to transcribe, with the photocopy of a page on the left and with the transcribed copy to be on the page to the right, these books being Book 1-Town Clerk Records, Book A-Road Districts, Book B-Roads, Book C-Road Orders, Book D-Town Meetings, and Book F-Town Records and Chattel Mortgages.

Volunteers signing up from RCGS for transcribing and typing were Harriet Berg, Norma Gilbertson, Ed and Arlene Williams. Responding to Janalee's advertisement in the Northfield News for volunteers were Linda Stadler, Doris Welke and Bill Becker. Cheri Albers enlisted Jessica Raines' help, and RCGS members who signed on as decipherers with the group were Cheri Albers, Audrey DeMann and Darlene Pfahning, with Harriet Berg and Janalee Cooper also helping with deciphering when meeting at the Bridgewater Town Hall. It was Harriet who had taken on the job of taking the transcribed materials and putting them on the computer.

With the transcribing completed, Harriet Berg put together a list of proofreading recommendations for the proofreaders to follow. The group who signed on as proofreaders included Audrey DeMann, Cheri Albers, Darlene Pfahning, Kate Rathke, Bettylou Ahlman, and Arlene and Ed Williams. With the first proofing and retyping done, the proofed material was returned for a second proofreading. When retyped, it was given a final proofing to make sure that nothing, not so much as a comma, a period or a capital letter, had been added to or deleted from what was recorded in the original books.

These copied records were placed on-line for easy access by the public. Janalee worked with Barb Henwood (Northfield Senior Center), Ariel Butler (Northfield Collaborative), Alicia Rueter and Sue Garwood (Rice County Historical Society), and Bruce Morlan (Bridgewater Town Board) on putting the records on-line with Sharlene Berge on board as a "computer whiz" for the group. Many details had to be worked out with the town board as to the format, index and what it should contain, dedicatory page, etc. Janalee reported that 17 out of the 45 township books have been copied, scanned and put on-line at the Northfield Historical Collaborative, with the six oldest which have been transcribed included in the 17.

Bridgewater Township Records Transcription Project (2011-2013)

Bridgewater Township, Rice County, Minnesota, was established as a unit of government in 1853. Since then, a long series of dedicated Township Clerks have created records, filed paperwork and otherwise served as historians to the Township, both in their official capacity as keepers of minutes and contracts, and in their capacity as clerk, filing other papers as they saw fit. Over time, these records were kept in various forms, including original books, folders, boxes and bundles of loose papers. For the most part these records were inaccessible to the public, not because they are sensitive, but simply because they are filed or stored and not on display. These historical records contain a wealth of information about the business of the township and about the people who made the township what it is today. In the 1980s, Geraldine Reuvers, serving as Township Clerk (1986-2002), set out to hand transcribe these township records. In 2010 the Township, in partnership with the Rice County Genealogical Society, set out to continue that work. From a total of 45 Township record books, 17 were selected to be scanned in the first phase of the project. Of those 17, 6 of the oldest were selected to be transcribed into electronic form, by members of the Rice County Genealogical Society and other volunteers from the community. With the help of the Rice County Historical Society and the Northfield Historical Society, over the next three years, these selected books were painstakingly converted to electronic form, first as scans, then as transcribed electronic copies.

Many who helped with this project are descendants of the early settlers and residents of Bridgewater township. At the completion of this project in 2013, the original books were moved to the Rice County Historical Society's museum in Faribault, the Rice County seat, while the electronic versions were forwarded to the Northfield History Collaborative to be placed in their online collections.

The challenges. The challenges were many. Many of the books were fragile, having been stored for decades in boxes in the Township Hall. In many cases, the inks were faded, and special attention had to be paid to the scanning, in others, the layouts were irregular and not easily converted to standard left-to-right electronic form. In addition, the handwriting styles were unfamiliar, the language often arcane.

The rewards. While the material seemed daunting, and sometimes quite mundane, at times gems were found among the pages. For example, when transcribed, the contents of the page titled "To My Successor" revealed a dutiful Township Clerk offering counsel and guidance to his successor.

To My Successor in Office

Dear sir in as much as my term of Office has now expired and the duties of my office been performed, But with what correctness I leave you and others to judge, hoping that you will make the allowance, for my inexperience, in the performance of public duties which are sometimes somewhat intricate I found the papers of the town in rather a loose condition, but with a degree of performance I have succeeded in getting [sic] them in a more compact form I now most cheerfully submit the Books and papers into your hands hoping [sic] that your Clerkship may prove an acceptable passtime [sic] for you. And also hoping that in your intercourse [sic] with the people of the town of Bridgewater, you may be able to give them good and wise counsel both in public and private life I have been a silent spectator and observer of the many carectors [sic] that are daily brot [sic] in contact with each other, And often observe actions prompted [sic] by some Evil Selfish motives. And at other times remarks are made through more hollow minded Soulessness as a lack of good sense.

From 'The Town Clerk's Book', pg 51

Other interesting examples included a request for payment of a bounty on a wolf taken in the township,

lists of taxpayers and the levies they owed, and extensive histories of roads within the township. Especially interesting are the rosters of voters and election tally sheets from the late 1800's. Many time names were recognized and interesting relationships revealed. All in these formerly inaccessible public records, now made accessible through the combined efforts of so many volunteers. The Township is very grateful for the work done, and especially so to the Township clerks who struggled so mightily to create and store these documents. Specific acknowledgement must be given to Geraldine Reuvers, Clerk, who saw, long before it was fashionable, the importance of electronic forms of information storage. A similar acknowledgment is due Janalee Cooper, Clerk, whose dedication to this project provided the essential link between the Board and the volunteers (and others) in whom the township placed its trust and hopes for this project. The final products (visible in the Rice County Historical museum archives and online through the Northfield History Collaborative) are now available to all the citizens through those efforts, and the Township is most indebted to all whose efforts made this possible.

- Bruce W. Morlan, Project oversight, Township Supervisor (2010-2013)

ABOUT THE CHESTER POST OFFICE

I learned about the Chester Post Office from both my and my husband's families. I am Edward Ogden and Ethel (Orr) Chester's daughter who married Richard Milton Herkenratt, the son of Milton Herreman and Ila (Drake) Herkenratt. The Chester Post Office was located on the East Cannon City Road (County #22) on the Drake homestead in Bridgewater Twp. in Sec. 26 in the wayside tavern run by the Drake family which was situated across the road from the driveway to the Chester homestead located in Bridgewater Twp. Sec. 25. The East Cannon City Road was laid out on the old Indian trail from Cannon City to Northfield and the knoll referred to is now located on the west side of the East Cannon City Road just north of where the paved crossover joins the East and the West Cannon City Road (County #20). The driveway to the Chester homestead has now been moved to the south so it is no longer just across from the knoll.

Edwin Sumner Drake built the wayside tavern as a stage stop to accommodate those seeking a meal and lodging as well as a hostelry where the horses could be exchanged for a fresh team. The Drake home was by the lake and the tavern built about 20 rods east and a bit south. When E. S. Drake moved to Shady Lane Farm (now referred to as E S. Drake Farm on the National Register of Historic Places), his son Joseph Edwin Drake ran the tavern for four years and the post office for two. Part of the spur to Dundas from the East Cannon City Road still can be seen in the woods on my brother John Chester's farm. When I was young back in the late 20's, my father said the spur exited the woods where the stile over the fence separating our farm from the Empey farm to the north. That stile was gone by the 30's but the exit point is still there as is the remnant of the spur road on the farm.

A THANK YOU AND FAREWELL FROM DOROTHY CHESTER HERKENRATT.

This is my 14th year of being responsible for putting out *Rice Gleanings*, and as I am approaching my 90th milestone, it was time to relinquish this privilege and allowing a fresh voice to take over. Therefore, at the December meeting of the Rice County Genealogical Society, with my help, member Ariel Butler volunteered to assume the responsibility of editor and publisher beginning with the Fall 2014 issue. So, expect a revitalized newsletter (with photos!) to be coming your way, hopefully now with regular contributions from members.

At the same time I told the membership that the December meeting completed 21 years of serving as an officer and requested that there be volunteers to assume the responsibility of secretary-treasurer of RCGS. Charles "Chuck" DeMann volunteered to serve as treasurer and Mary Zabel offered to take over as secretary for a year, and they were immediately elected to those offices. Officers for the ensuing year, therefore, will be Audrey DeMann, president; Arlene Williams, vice president; Mary Zabel, secretary; and Chuck DeMann, treasurer.

I wish to thank those who so willingly assumed the responsibilities and assure you that I will continue to be as active as health allows. Sincerely, Dorothy Chester Herkenratt

Restoring an abandoned cemetery

by sue and tim lloyd

This summer, after eight years of searching, Tim Lloyd found the gravestone of his great great grandmother and grandfather in the Old East Prairieville Cemetery located just a few miles east of Faribault on route 60. The story of Tim's search for his grandfather is in itself a story. Margaret Kelly, whose hobby is genealogy, had been helping Tim and his wife Sue with research of their ancestors. To their surprise, a search of Ancestry.com records revealed that Tim had a long-lost ancestor, Isaac Barrick, a War of 1812 Veteran, who had moved to Minnesota (as far as we know, Tim's only relative here) and was buried in East Prairieville Cemetery--only sixteen miles from Tim's Northfield home. The story of finding Isaac's grave is only a part of much more important story--that of restoring the abandoned cemetery where Isaac and at least 50 others lie buried, their stones turned down and covered with dirt to preserve them--and waiting some one hundred and fifty years for their resting place to be restored.

An article in the Northfield Independent Newspaper of May 1939 tells the story of the early pioneer village, Prairieville, which has now all but disappeared. The early history of the village can be found in the Rice County History of 1882. The Village was located at the edge of the big woods on land owned by Prof. Ide in 1854. Mr. Adams, like most of the people of the village had come from the East; others from New England, New York State, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. They came as families and most were English speaking established Easterners looking for their fortunes in the West. The first house in the village was built by John Cosert and in the same year, William Spencer came with four yoke of oxen, cows and one horse and purchased twenty acres of hay from Mr. Cosert. Other settlers soon came and a town was laid out. In 1858 there were about 15 buildings. A schoolhouse had been built. Among the early settlers of Prairieville the names of William Owens, W.B. Spencer, John Thompson, George Deforest, Isaac Hamlin, Alf Barrick, Charles Edward are all among the graves that were to be uncovered.

For years the East "Old" Prairieville cemetery had lain beneath a woods and weeds and briars, largely unknown to any except a few local residents. This cemetery whose first burial was in 1857, was one of the earliest cemeteries in Rice County. Sometime in the early 1900's it was abandoned and has lain largely untouched since. County officials had ignored requests from others in the 1990's to restore the cemetery, but Tim's search for the cemetery and ultimately the grave of his grandfather set off a series of actions that led to the restoration of the cemetery which is still in progress.

Sue and Tim Lloyd and Margaret Kelley, having learned of the abandoned cemetery, began to pressure the county, the township and others to clear the dense woods that was Old Prairieville Cemetery. Dallas Drake, whose ancestors are also buried there did his own clearing ten years before and placed a flag and stone that lead the Lloyds to the dense woods where early settlers had plotted 65 lots and formed a cemetery association in 1863. They had called the cemetery, Prairieville, named for the village located in Cannon City Township.

With help from John Dalby and his vast research on Rice County cemeteries and Mr. Ole Stark, now deceased, but a longtime advocate for restoration of Prairieville Cemetery, the Lloyds and Kelly sought help to survey and clear the dense woods. On November 16, 2007 they met with

members of the county administration. As a result of this meeting, the County obtained the Sentence to Serve Crew who worked diligently and skillfully for several weeks to clear the brush and, in the process, to expose several of the gravestones that were turned down but still intact. The county also surveyed the Cemetery. Now the county let the Lloyds know that the rest of the work was theirs. Realizing that their work was only just beginning, Friends of Old Prairieville, a non profit 501.c.3, was established and volunteers and the Lloyds and Kelly began the work of restoring the cemetery.

The real work began with the removal of hundreds of tree stumps and the "bobcatting" of the acre cemetery. Piece by piece, volunteers and Dan Holmblad worked the soil, buried the weeds, and planted grass. Using charts found at the Rice County Historical Society, Lloyds and Kelly began the work of finding the stones of those buried there. Tim designed a long "prodger" made of plastic and with the prodgers, he and Kelly began the search for those buried. When a stone was discovered, it was marked and later mounted by a professional gravesetter, Brad Dalby. Treatment of weeds, removal of rocks, control of wild Daylillies, and mowing of grass as it was established became a routine over the next six years. The initial assumption that all gravestones would be small and easy to remove soon gave way as large deeply buried monuments were found. Having been buried so long, it was satisfying to find that most of the stones were quite legible and still beautiful with their interesting artwork and trim. Years passed and more stones were discovered each year.

With the cemetery beginning to take shape and visitors wanting to view the work underway, it became obvious that an entrance to the cemetery was a priority. The work with the State and County Highway Department to obtain access from the State Highway, and the work of establishing a driveway to the cemetery was just one more step in the work of restoring the cemetery. In 2013, a fence around three sides of the cemetery was erected to protect the footprint of the cemetery in the years to come.

And so we arrive again to the spring of 2013 when a group of volunteers working on planting grass around gravestones came across a buried stone---a beautiful lamb shape for a 4 month old who turned out to be the grandson of Isaac and Mary. Realizing it was most likely that Isaac and Mary's grave must be somewhere near their grandson, digging in earnest began to finally locate their graves. On that July day Peggy Kelly finally found their stone, buried much deeper than the others we had found. No wonder it had eluded us for so long.

About the same time we received word of a new cemetery map of the plots. While digitalizing old maps, the County Recorder's office found a map with names attached to many of the 65 plots and predating the information that we had had up until that time.

Now we will have more work to do to find the remaining graves. On the next two pages are the burials found to date. Graves of several early burials remain to be found and several new names appear on the recently discovered map. More information is available at oldprairievillecem.org

Achterkirch, Henry 19/Nov/1837- 21/May/1903 Civil War Vet	Barrick, Mary 11/Oct/1806- 13/Mar/1901	Curtice, Sarah 12/Mar/ 1868 Age 2 years 6 mo 13 days.	Engle, Latitia S. July/ 20/1870 Aged 1 year 6 mo, 4 days	Hinkley, Mary DOB 1821 DOD 1909
Achterkirch, Louise 24/Nov/1845- 22/May/1903	Bean , Milton DOD11/Aug/ 1865	DeForest, Clara M. 27/Nov/1865 Age 10 year 1 Mo	Greely, Sara DOD14/Oct/ 1868 Age 40yrs, 20 days	Kennedy, Margaret 10/Feb/1887 Age 72
Andrus, Edmund C. DOD 07/Nov/ 1864 Age 40 years	Bice, John 25/Jun/1819- 29/May/1886	De Forest, G. L. 28/Jul/1829- 18/Jun/1877	Hall, C. Lot 64 E 1/2 Footstone	Koch, Anna M. 27/ June / 1881 Age 23 years 7mo 23 days
Austin, Martha DOD 20/Oct/ 1862 Age 8yrs 2 mos 8 days	Bice, Julia A. 21/Mar/1824- 14/Jan/1877	DeForest, Hattie E. 27/Oct/1865 Age 8 yr. 8 mo 13 days	Hamlin, Isaac 21/Apr/1781- 07/Mar/1864	Millard, Betsey E. 28/Sept/1869 Aged 76 years 11 months, 12 days
Austin, Nathan DOD 23/Dec/ 1867 Age 2 yrs 10 mo 23 days	Birge, Edward B. Jul/stone broken? Age 26 years	De Forest, Susan N. 04/May/1824- 23/ Aug/1890	Hamlin, Jemima 12/Apr/1786- 07/Nov/1862	Nelson, John M. DOD 29/Nov/ 1882 Age 66 yr 10 mo 27 days.
Austin, Theodocia J. DOD19/Sept/ 1861 Age 3 yrs 4 mo 1 day	Birge, Isabella L. 2/Apr/1866 Age 41 yr	Embury, Catherine 31/Jan/1840- 25/ Oct /1889	Harding, Elizabeth A. 20 /Mar/1863 Aged 10	Powell, Flora E DOD 18/May/ 1864 Age 1 yr 9 mo 8 days
Barlow, Johan DOD 15/Oct/ 1873 Age 1 yr.	Cale, Hervy 4/ Mar/ 1876 Age 4 months	Embury , Charles 15/Aug/1813- 15/Mar/1895	Harris, S.Slemmer DOD 12/ March/1870 Aged 9 months	Richardson, James DOD 25/Feb/ 1860 8 yrs 2mo 9da
Barrick, Isaac 21/Dec/1793- 13/Dec/1880 War of 1812 Vet	Cosert, Edward F. Civil War Vet 29/Sep/1865 Age 19 years 6 months 10 days	Embury, Charles W. 05/Apr/1842- 31/Oct/1893	Harris, James Marquis Oliver DOD 9/Oct/ 1874 Aged 11 mo 20 days	Richardson, Mary M. DOD 29/Dec/ 1863 Aged 15 Mo
		Embury, Hannah 13/Jun/1810- 16/Sep/1891	Hinkley, Henry DOB 1825 DOD 1890	

Ross, Eliza
DOD 6/Dec/
1865
54 yrs, 1 mo,
15 days

Ross, Carrie
DOD 1867

Simmons, Jane
DOD 21/Oct/
1872
Age 83 yr 2
mo 9 days

Simmons,
William
DOD 07/Jan/
1872
Age 83 yr. 5
mo., 11 days

Simmons,
William A
DOD 17/Feb /
1858/59
Age 30 Yr 2
Mo 21 da

Spencer, John
DOD 23/Nov/
1867
Age 86 yr. 5
mo

Stephens,
Marion Wesley
DOD 27/ Aug /
1860 5 years
6 m 1 day

Strunk , Jonas
M.
DOD 14 Jul/
1887
Age 57

Strunk, Viola
M.
DOD 20/Apr/
1889
Age 27 yr.

Strunk, Francis,
DOD 17/ Oct/
1865 1 yr. 6
mo. 4 days

Wheeler,
Catherine
21/Jul/1795-
09/Sep/1878

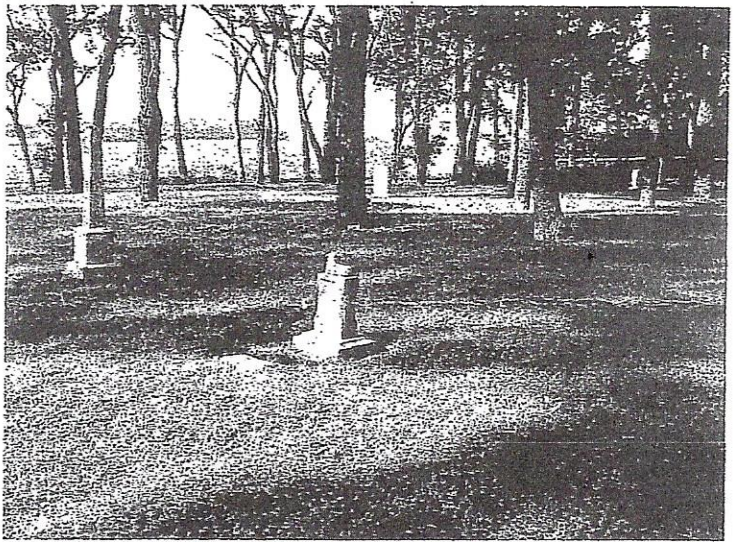
Wheeler, John
10/Feb/1781-
03/Nov/1872

Wheeler,
Lemuel
DOD 01/Jul/
1871
Age 61 yrs, 4
mo, 4 days

Wheeler,
Minerva
DOD 19/Oct/
1875
59yrs 9 mo,

Zabel, Lesley
Charles
29/Dec/1892-
17/Jan/1899

Zabel, "Our
Baby"
12/Aug/1885
Child of Wm
and Mary
Dwyer Zabel



This compilation of data was obtained by Sue and Tim Lloyd and Margaret Kelly from the gravestones that were found buried in an abandoned cemetery located two miles east of Faribault on route 60. John and Jan Dalby and their cemetery data base was an invaluable help in establishing this list of burials. The Old Prairieville Cemetery was established by the early settlers to East Prairieville in 1860. The Cemetery association was established in 1863 and the cemetery plotted in 65 plots. The cemetery contains the graves of many prominent members of the pioneer East Prairieville community. Thirty one of the 61 persons whose graves have been located, died before 1876—among them a Civil War and a War of 1812 Veteran. The cemetery was abandoned in the 1920's-30's—the reason for its abandonment is unknown. The last burial was in 1909

February, 2014.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FOR 2014

(Please print)

Name

Address

Phone ()

Type of Membership: ☐ Individual \$10 per calendar year
 ☐ Family \$12 per calendar year

☐ I would like to make an additional donation of \$_____ to help the Society meet its goals.

Please make check payable to and send with this application to:

Rice County Genealogical Society
Charles "Chuck" DeMann, Treas.
P. O. Box 94
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